

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Weimar

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1. On 11, 18 and 19 May 1951, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Chaussee, Weimar (M 51/J 57), quartered only about 500 troops. They wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. There were apparently no recruits. From 50 to 80 soldiers received training in driving on the three days. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] Six 76.2-mm guns were again emplaced on Ettersberg. The 50 soldiers manning the guns came from the Flak Kaserne. (1)

2. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by not more than 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The central section of the installation quartered a motor transport unit of not more than 250 troops with only 10 trucks, [REDACTED]. The western section of the installation still quartered German police. (2)

3. The eastern section of the Luetzenloerf Kaserne was occupied by 150 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Small groups of soldiers received close-order drill. Trucks [REDACTED] in the billeting area. Six guns manned by about 50 soldiers were emplaced at the gas works. Excavation work, probably for the erection of crew shelters, was done there. (1) The central section of the Luetzenloerf Kaserne seemed to quarter about 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, who were engaged only in interior duty. Passenger cars [REDACTED] there. (2)

4. The Lueller Kaserne still quartered 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Radio truck [REDACTED] was again parked in the barracks yard next to an antenna, 9 meters high. Some trucks observed in the billeting area [REDACTED]. Vehicles seen near the installation were [REDACTED]. The last two vehicles were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered crimson epaulets. The two cable junctions on Boekelsberg and on Selvedere Allee were occupied by details of 10 to 12 men each, who were furnished by the unit in the Lueller Kaserne. A detail of 30 men operating the army exchange was also furnished by this unit. (3)

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5. On 15 and 18 May, the Flieger Kaserne in Mohra quartered from 2,500 to 3,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts with tank and artillery insignia. About 200 troops were seen practicing with light and heavy machine guns on these two days. In addition, numerous student drivers were trained. One convoy of driving-school vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] Other trucks identified at the installation were [redacted] (4) 25X1C

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6. The former kommandantura building was still occupied by a guard unit of about 180 men with black-bordered crimson epauletts. About 80 soldiers of the unit were seen receiving combat training in the neighboring terrain on 17 May.

7. Between 23 and 26 May, the Flak Kaserne, Eitersburg, seemed to be only partially occupied. There was no training activity. Sentries wore red-bordered black epauletts. Trucks [redacted]

[redacted] at the installation. (1)

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8. The Luftzendorf Kaserne seemed to quarter only a few troops. No training was noticed. [redacted]

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Comments.

- (1) The observations confirm previous information by the same source between 1 and 10 May 1951. [redacted] It is believed that the components of the 13th AAA Div from the Flak Kaserne, Eitersburg, and from the eastern section of the Luftzendorf Kaserne may have been at the Wustrow AAA range since the beginning of May 1951. No confirmatory information has been received from Wustrow. The vehicle numbers mentioned in paragraph 7 belong to the 20th Gds Mecz Div. It is doubted that a unit of this division should be quartered in the Flak Kaserne.
- (2) The occupation of the Tannenberg Kaserne and the central section of the Luftzendorf Kaserne has not changed. [redacted]
- (3) The Maeller Kaserne is believed to quarter the 440th Sig Bn of the Eighth Gds Army which probably furnishes the personnel to operate the army exchange and the army's principal telephone lines. The army exchange is located just southeast of the Sophien Krankenhaus (hospital) on the northwest side of Humboldtstrasse. [redacted] 25X1A
- (4) Reports by several sources on the number of troops in the Flieger Kaserne, Mohra, are conflicting. [redacted]

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